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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Rembert J. Truesdale, III

Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No.: 09/918,934

Examiner: Ruddock, Ula

Filed: July 31, 2001

Docket No. 011920-1360

For: **Dyed Melamine Fabrics and Methods for Dyeing Melamine Fabrics**

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 24, 2003 has been carefully considered. Applicant submits this Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

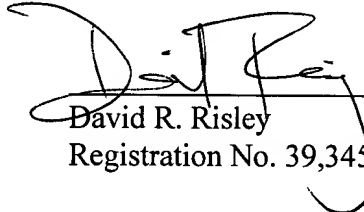
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.

**REMARKS**

Applicant believes that the Response filed June 26, 2003 is in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.21 as in effect at that time. Contrary to that alleged in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant's Response was filed on **June 26, 2003**, not June 30, 2003. Therefore, the Response was filed prior to the June 30, 2003 critical date. Applicant submits herewith evidence that establishes that the Response was in fact filed on June 26, 2003, including the Return Postcard, the Certificate of Mailing, the Amendment Transmittal Letter, the First Response, the Affidavit Testimony of Rembert J. Truesdale III, the Attachment A, the Exhibit "A", the Petition for Extension of Time, and the Credit Card Authorization Form.

Applicant further notes that no fees for extension of time are required since the previous Response was filed prior to the three-month deadline.

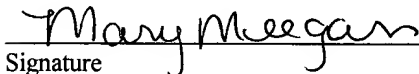
Respectfully submitted,

  
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David R. Risley  
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In Re Application of:

Truesdale, III

Serial No.: 09/918,934

Filed: July 31, 2001

Confirmation No.: 4562

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Ruddock, Ula

Docket No.: 011920-1360

**For: Dyed Melamine Fabrics and Methods for Dyeing Melamine Fabrics**

The following is a list of documents enclosed:

Return Postcard  
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
Copies of the Return Postcard, the Certificate of Mailing, the Amendment Transmittal Form (1 Page), the First Response, the Petition for Extension of Time, the Credit Card Authorization Form, the Affidavit Testimony of Rembert J. Truesdale III, the Attachment A and the Exhibit "A"

Further, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0778 for any additional fees required. The Commissioner is requested to credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Serial No.: 09/918,934

Filed: July 31, 2001

Patent No.:

Issued:

Applicant: Rembert J. Truesdale III

Title: Dyed Melamine Fabrics and Methods for Dyeing Melamine Fabrics

Docket No.: 011920-1360

C/M Date: 6-26-03

Due Date: 6-26-03

EM No.:

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
STAMP HEREON ACKNOWLEDGES  
RECEIPT OF THE BELOW IDENTIFIED  
PAPERS:

Cert. of Mailing: ☒ Regular US Mail  
☐ Express Mail

Fees ☒ \$110.00  
Pymt ☐ Check  
Form ☐ Dep. Acct:  
☒ Credit Card Paym't Form

☐ Fee Transmittal Page

- ☐ RCE Application Transmittal Pg.
- ☐ Missing Parts Response
- ☐ Copy of Missing Parts Notice
- ☐ Resp. Incomplete Application Papers
- ☐ Copy - Not. Incomplete Appl. Papers
- ☐ Declaration & Power of Attorney
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Small Entity Status Claimed
- ☐ IDS/Form 1449
- ☐ Cited Reference(s) ( )
- ☐ Assignment/Assign't Cover Sheet
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☒ Amendment Transmittal Page
- ☒ Amendment:

☒ Non-Final ☐ Final  
☐ After Not. Allow ☐ Unentered

☒ Petition for Extension of Time  
to: June 26, 2003

☐ Claim of Priority & Sub. Cert. Copy  
of Foreign Application

☐ Other: Affidavit Testimony of Rembert J. Truesdale (Attachement A) and  
Exhibit "A"

Person Mailing: MRM

USPTO STAMP



- ☐ Request to Rescind Non-Pub.
- ☐ Petition to Make Special
- ☐ Status Inquiry (in duplicate)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ Appeal Brief (in Triplicate)
- ☐ Request for Refund
- ☐ Request for Correction F/R
- ☐ Notice of Continuation Applic.
- ☐ Issue Fee Trx. ☐ In Dupl.
- ☐ Sheets of Drawings
- ☐ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☐ Letter/Trx. To Draftsman
- ☐ Prior to NOA ☐ W/I NOA
- ☐ Request for Cert. Of Correct.
- ☐ Certificate of Correction x 2
- ☐ Maintenance Fee Transmittal
- ☐ 3.5 ☐ 7.5 ☐ 11.5
- ☐ in duplicate

Responsible Atty: DRR

REMBERT J. TRUESDALE III

7/2003

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Attached are the following documents for filing with the USPTO:

Postcard  
Amendment Transmittal Form (1 Page)  
First Response  
Petition for Extension of Time  
Credit Card Authorization Form  
Affidavit Testimony of Rembert J. Truesdale III (Attachment A)  
Exhibit "A"

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Response/Amendment                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Terminal Disclaimer                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fee as Calculated Below                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Corrected Drawings                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | No additional fee is required.            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other: <u>Petition for Extension of Time</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Small Entity status has been established. |                                     |  |

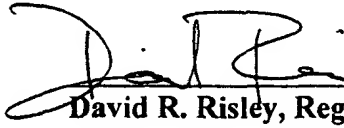
CLAIMS AS AMENDED FOR LARGE ENTITY					
	Claims After Amendment	Highest Prev. Paid For	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	69	- 69	0	x \$9.00	= \$00.00
Independent Claims	5	- 5	0	x \$42.00	= \$00.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment					= \$110.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$            is enclosed.
- ☒ A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached in the amount of \$110.00.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No.            the amount of \$            for the fee identified above. A duplicate of this Amendment Transmittal Letter is included herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any insufficiencies, and the Commissioner is hereby requested to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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**THOMAS, KAYDEN, HORSTEMEYER  
& RISLEY, L.L.P.**

Date: 6/26/03

  
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Attorney for Applicant(s)